

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 21, 2004 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application.

Judicially-created Double Patenting

Claims 1-42 were rejected pursuant to the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of prior United States patent No. 6,396,833 B1.

With this response a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c) is presented to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Response places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

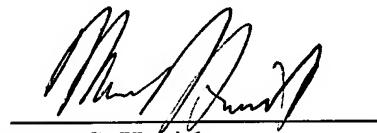
If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit an overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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